

**CONFIGURABLE GRAPHICAL ELEMENT FOR MONITORING DYNAMIC
PROPERTIES OF A RESOURCE COUPLED TO A COMPUTING
ENVIRONMENT**

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is embodied in a configurable graphical element for tracking and monitoring dynamic properties of resources and events coupled to a computing environment. In general, the present invention includes an interactive configurable graphical element with a software control that monitors 10 resources and events. The graphical element interactivity provides the monitored information to a user with a status display area having configurable threshold trigger points and can also include one or more rearm trigger points. The user configurable trigger points are located within one end of the status display area and include at least one user configurable threshold point and at 15 least one rearm set point. The monitoring display and configuration functions are combined in a single graphical element for reducing complexity and easing the use of monitoring applications.